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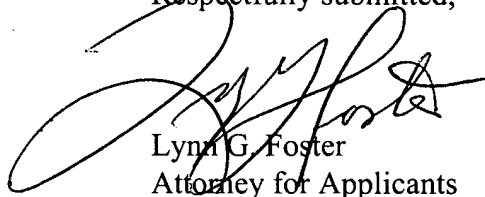
Sir:

Responsive to the species requirement mailed February 4, 2003, the Applicants hereby provisionally elect the claims of species I (Figures 3, 4, 5 and 7), with traverse.

The basis of Applicants' traverse is that the Examiner has not made out a prima facie case showing that the seven alleged species are separately patentable (non-obvious) each in respect to the others.

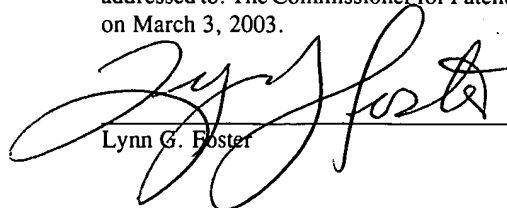
Claims 55 through 66, 68 through 72 and 74 read on the elected species.

Respectfully submitted,


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